AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A bracing arrangement with overload protection comprising:

[[-]] a first element to be braced ~~(1)~~,

[[-]] a second element to be braced ~~(2) which is to be braced~~ against the first element ~~(1)~~ and

[[-]] a bracing bolt ~~(3) for~~ bracing the first and second elements, ~~characterized by~~

[[-]] a sleeve ~~(4)~~, which is braced against the second element to be braced ~~(2)~~ with the bracing bolt ~~(3)~~ and which goes through the first element to be braced ~~(1)~~, and

[[-]] a sleeve tensioning device ~~(5)~~, which engages the sleeve ~~(4)~~ and braces the first element to be braced ~~(1)~~ against the second element to be braced ~~(2)~~,

[[-]] whereby the sleeve ~~(4)~~ is released to a pre-specified extent ~~(4f')~~ by ~~means of~~ the sleeve tensioning device ~~(5)~~ and

[[-]] whereby exceeding the operating force that ~~keep~~ separates the first and second elements ~~(1, 2) separate~~ from each other beyond ~~a~~ an operating force threshold leads to relaxation of the sleeve ~~(4)~~ relative to the bracing by the bracing bolt ~~(3)~~ and to the consequential breaking of the bracing bolt ~~(3)~~.

2. (Currently amended) The bracing arrangement according to claim 1, in which the bracing bolt ~~(3)~~ is strained up to a pre-specified extent ~~(3f)~~ within its range up to the yielding point.

3. (Currently amended) The bracing arrangement according to claim 1 ~~or 2~~, in which the bracing bolt ~~(3)~~ is more elastic than the sleeve ~~(4)~~.

4. (Currently amended) The bracing arrangement according to ~~one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, in which the sleeve ~~(4)~~ is more elastic than the first element to be braced ~~(1)~~.

5. (Currently amended) The bracing arrangement according to ~~one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, in which the bracing bolt ~~(3)~~ is a stud ~~(3)~~ with a screw thread ~~(3a)~~ for screwing it into ~~the~~ a bore with an internal thread ~~(2a)~~ of the second element to be braced ~~(2)~~.

6. (Currently amended) The bracing arrangement according to ~~one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, in which the sleeve ~~(4)~~ has an external screw thread ~~(4b)~~ for screwing onto the sleeve tensioning element~~(5)~~ with an internal thread ~~(5a)~~.

7. (Currently amended) A method ~~Method~~ for bracing ~~both the~~ at least two elements to be braced ~~(1, 2)~~ with the help of a bracing bolt ~~(3)~~, a sleeve ~~(4)~~ and a sleeve tensioning device ~~(5)~~, ~~in particular with a bracing arrangement according to one of the preceding claims~~, ~~involving the steps~~comprising:

[[-]] bracing ~~of~~ the sleeve ~~(4)~~ by means of the bracing bolt ~~(3)~~ against the second element to be braced ~~(2)~~, whereby the bracing bolt ~~(3)~~ compresses the sleeve ~~(4)~~,

[[-]] bracing ~~of~~ the first element to be braced ~~(1)~~ on the second element to be braced ~~(2) through bracing~~ with the sleeve tensioning device ~~(5)~~, whereby the sleeve tensioning device ~~(5)~~ is braced with engagement with the sleeve~~(4)~~ projecting through the first element ~~(1)~~ to be braced, in such a manner that the sleeve ~~(4)~~ is relaxed relative to the preceding compression up to a pre-specified extent of release ~~(4f')~~,

[[-]] ~~so that~~wherein an operating force, which moves the first and the second elements ~~(1,2)~~ to be braced in mutually opposite directions, leads, above a pre-specified threshold value, to a complete release of the sleeve ~~(4)~~and to the breaking of the bracing bolt ~~(3)~~.

8. (Currently amended) The bracing bolt ~~(3)~~ and sleeve ~~(4)~~ as described above in conjunction with the ~~for use in a~~ bracing arrangement according to ~~one of the claims 1 – 5~~ claim 1 ~~or in connection with the method according to claim 6, whereby~~ wherein the bracing bolt ~~(3)~~ is made of a more elastic material than the sleeve ~~(4)~~.

9. (Currently amended) The bracing ~~Bracing~~ bolt ~~(3)~~ and sleeve ~~(4)~~ according to claim 8, whereby a force, which stretches the bracing bolt ~~(3)~~ to a pre-specified extent, compresses the sleeve ~~(4)~~ in the opposite direction to a lesser extent.